

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4611–S4724

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 948–958, and S. Res. 93–95. **Pages S4664–65**

Measure Rejected:

U.S. Armed Forces Deployment to Kosovo: S.J. Res. 20, concerning the deployment of the United States Armed Forces to the Kosovo region in Yugoslavia. (By 78 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 98), Senate tabled the resolution.) **Pages S4611–16**

Financial Services Modernization Act: Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers, and began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S4616–58**

Pending:

Sarbanes (for Daschle/Sarbanes) Amendment No. 302, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4648–58**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and the pending amendment, and that Senator Gramm be recognized at 12 noon to make a motion to table the pending Sarbanes Amendment No. 302 (listed above), on Wednesday, May 5, 1999. **Page S4723**

Commending Rev. Jesse Jackson—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on the adoption of S. Res. 94, commending the efforts of the Reverend Jesse Jackson to secure the release of the soldiers held by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 1999. **Page S4723**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—98). **Page S4616**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 5, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's record on pages S4723–24.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Carolyn L. Huntoon, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, after the nominee further testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded oversight hearings on the effects of international institutions on United States agricultural exports, focusing on upcoming World Trade Organization negotiations, International Monetary Fund funding holds, the World Bank, "fast track authority", tariff-rate quotas, export subsidies, state trading enterprises, domestic subsidies rules, trade restricting technical barriers, and scientific innovation, after receiving testimony from Peter L. Scher, Special Trade Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative; August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Keith Kinzer, Idaho Grain Producers Association, Genesee; Nels J. Smith, Wyoming Stock Growers Association, Sundance; Dennis Jones, AGP Inc./CoBank, Bath, South Dakota; and Bryce Neidig,

Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, Madison, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

YOUTH VIOLENCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings on how the violence that is marketed to children through media and toys is harming children's development, learning, play, and behavior, and measures that help to reduce children's exposure to entertainment violence, receiving testimony from Senators Hatch and Lieberman; William J. Bennett, Empower America, former Secretary of Education, Jack Valenti, Motion Picture Association of America, and Doug Lowenstein, Interactive Digital Software Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Denver, Colorado; Dave A. Grossman, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro; Daphne White, The Lion & Lamb Project, Bethesda, Maryland; Henry Jenkins, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; L. Rowell Huesmann, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and Diane Levin, Wheelock College, Boston, Massachusetts.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF REVENUES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee resumed hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, S. 446, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond, S. 532, to provide increased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Programs, to resume the funding of the State grants program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide for the acquisition and development of conservation and recreation facilities and programs in urban areas, S. 819, to provide funding for the National Park System from outer Continental Shelf revenues, and the Administration's Lands Legacy Initiative, receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein and Boxer; former Senator Malcolm Wallop, on behalf of the Frontiers of Freedom; Ron Marlenee, Safari Club International, Fairfax, Virginia; Thomas C. Kiernan, National Parks and Conservation Association, and Mark L. Shaffer, Defenders of Wildlife, both of Washington, D.C.; David Waller, Georgia Wildlife Resources Division, Social Circle, on behalf of the International Association of Fish and

Wildlife Agencies; Mark Van Putten, National Wildlife Federation, Vienna, Virginia; and Dennis J. Foster, Leesburg, Virginia, on behalf of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America, and the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, May 11.

MEDICARE/DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SUBVENTION

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on the status of the participation of the Department of Defense in a Medicare subvention demonstration project established under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, and a related measure S. 445, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a demonstration project to provide the Department of Veterans Affairs with Medicare reimbursement for Medicare healthcare services provided to certain Medicare-eligible veterans, receiving testimony from Senator Specter; Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary, and Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary for Health, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Robert A. Berenson, Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Rear Adm. Thomas F. Carrato, Director, Military Health System Operations, Tricare Management Activity, Department of Defense; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, and Stephen P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, both of the Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; James E. Woys, Foundation Health Federal Services, Inc., Rancho Cordova, California; and Jo Ann K. Webb, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee resumed hearings on issues relating to the 1972 Antiballistic Missile Treaty, focusing on the technological feasibility of the United States ballistic missile defense, receiving testimony from Senator Shelby; William Robert Graham, National Security Research, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia, former Director of White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; Gen. John Piotrowski, Colorado Springs, Colorado, former Commander in Chief of Space Command; Richard L. Garwin, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and David Wright, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Security Studies Program, Cambridge.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded oversight hearings on issues relating to international antitrust cooperation and enforcement, including positive comity agreements, the flat glass industry, and problems with the Japanese market, after receiving testimony from Joel I. Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Gorton M. Evans, Consolidated Papers, Inc., Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin; John C. Reichenbach, Jr., Pittsburgh Plate and Glass Industries, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Peter S. Walters, Guardian Industries Corporation; Auburn Hills, Michigan.

CLASS ACTION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on S. 353, to provide for class action reform, after receiving testimony from Senator Kohl; Eleanor D. Acheson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Policy Development, Department of Justice; John P. Frank, Lewis and Roca, Phoenix, Arizona; E. Donald Elliott, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Stephen G. Morrison, Nelson, Mullins, Riley and

Scarborough, Columbia, South Carolina; Richard A. Daynard, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts; and John H. Beisner, O'Melveny and Myers, Washington, D.C.

INDIAN CENSUS 2000

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Bureau of the Census Year 2000 plans for testing and developing enumeration procedures and methods for American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages, after receiving testimony from Kenneth Prewitt, Director, and Belva Morrison, Team Leader, Tribal Partnership Program, Denver Region, both of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; Curtis Zunigha, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Robert Wayne Nygaard, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribe, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; Gregory A. Richardson, North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs, Hollister, and Glenda Ahhaitty, Los Angeles, California, all on behalf of the U.S. Census Bureau Advisory Committee on American Indians and Alaska Native Populations; Taylor McKenzie, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; JoAnn K. Chase, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; and Edna L. Paisano, Nez Perce Nation, Idaho.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 1658–1682; 1 private bill, H.R. 1683; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 50, H. Con. Res. 94, and H. Res. 157, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 1999 (H. Rept. 106–124);

H.R. 1664, making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 106–125); and

H. Res. 158, providing for consideration of H.R. 833, to amend title 11 of the United States Code (H. Rept. 106–126).

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:11 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed the following measures:

Transfer to the Estate of Fred Steffens: H.R. 509, as amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property; and

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Transfer of Land to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe: H.R. 510, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest.

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Commission on Civil Rights: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, of Mr. Christopher F. Edley, Jr. of Cambridge, Massachusetts to the Commission on Civil Rights.

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National Skill Standards Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, of Ms. Carolyn Warner of Phoenix, Arizona, and Mr. George Bliss,